



February 1, 2011

EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime,
CC Docket No.01-92; High Cost Universal Service, WC Docket
No. 05-337; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local
Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Connect America
Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for
Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on January 31, 2011, Walter McCormick, Jonathan Banks, and the undersigned representing USTelecom met with Commissioner Copps and his Policy Advisor, Margaret McCarthy, to discuss the item on inter-carrier compensation and universal service reform proposed for consideration at the Commission's February Agenda Meeting.

During this meeting, USTelecom urged that the proposed notice of rulemaking be sufficiently specific to allow the Commission to move forward expeditiously in adopting final rules. We also reiterated our position that the issues of Phantom Traffic, Traffic Pumping and compensation for IP-based traffic have been thoroughly addressed in these proceedings over the past several years and that it would be appropriate for the Commission to move directly to the adoption of rules. If, however, the Commission chooses to issue further notices on these issues, we urged the Commission to do so in a manner that would allow it to consider final rules ahead of its completion of more comprehensive reform as action on them is urgent and overdue as acknowledged in the National Broadband Plan.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include this notice in the dockets for the proceedings identified above.

Sincerely,

Glenn Reynolds

c: Margaret McCarthy